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1. Numerous reports emanating from the Soviet satellite states describe the massing of troops along the Yugoslav border, but reliable estimates of the strength of the Cominform legions are so far unavailable. Special anti-Tito "volunteer" brigades have been set up in Bulgaria, Rumania, and Hungary, with the major portion of the force being stationed in the latter country. Some sort of a headquarters has been established in Debrecen and some barracks near the South Station in Budapest have been made available exclusively for these troops.

2. The Cominform is exerting further pressure on Yugoslavia by lending support to the Macedonian nationalist movement. A legion of Macedonian partisans is to be organized in western Bulgaria with the assistance of Soviet Army instructors. Reports have also been received concerning the calling of a Macedonian nationalist congress which is to meet in Greek guerrilla territory. An independent Macedonian state will be proclaimed and portions of Yugoslavia will probably be claimed as Macedonian territory.

3. Slovene Communist leaders in Carinthia have been conferring with functionaries of the Austrian Communist Party and have decided to switch their allegiance from Tito to the Cominform. Dr. Zwitter, the leader of the Slovene Communist Party, visited Vienna between 7 and 13 March 1949.

4. Soviet agents in Austria, especially in the British Zone, are said to be recruiting persons for an anti-Tito legion. Even former members of the Chetnik and Ustaschi movements are being approached.

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